

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 6, 7, and 10 are amended by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 4, 6, 7, and 10 were objected to because of informalities; and Claims 1-10 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,792,222.

Regarding the objections to Claims 4, 6, 7, and 10, those claims are amended in view of the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

Regarding the provisional double patenting rejection of Claims 1-10 as unpatentable over Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,792,222, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer, enclosed herewith, disclaiming the terminal part of any patent issued on the present application which extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,792,222. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the provisional double-patenting rejection be withdrawn.

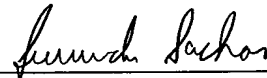
Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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